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Dear Sir/Madam:

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On May 17, 2005 and January 9, 2006, we contacted the PCT help desk at the USPTO to determine the status of this application. We made the first inquiry because our postcard was not returned to us but the filing fee check was cashed, and the PCT help desk apologized for the inconvenience. The PCT help desk during that first conversation confirmed the above-identified serial number.

The second phone call to the PCT help desk was warranted to determine the status of the missing parts document. Tony Smith from the PCT help desk informed us that there was a backlog in the PCT office and he also confirmed the serial number. In response to our inquiry about the missing requirements document, he suggested we submit the executed declaration to the PCT office without the missing requirements documents.

In view of Mr. Smith's suggestion, we are submitting (1) the executed declaration, (2) the assignment cover sheet and corresponding assignment document, (3) the published PCT application with an international search report, (4) a check for \$170 (\$130 for the declaration, and \$40 for the assignment), and (4) an information disclosure statement.

Applicant submits the enclosed information disclosure statement that is being filed prior to receiving a first office action. Accordingly, it is applicant's opinion that the examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office should consider these references in determining the patentability of this application.

Applicant is submitting this disclosure of U.S. references in compliance with its requirement under rule 1.56. If Applicant becomes aware of other relevant references that are not cumulative of the submitted references, Applicant will submit them.

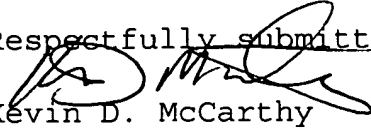
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